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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-PHILIPPINE RAPPROCHEMENT

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1. CONSENSUS IN MANILA AMONG AIRLINE REPS AND EMBASSY IS THAT INFORMAL CIVAIR DISCUSSIONS IN MANILA WOULD NOT BE WORTHWHILE UNLESS THE USG IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS SOME PRE-LIMINARY CONCESSIONS ON ISSUES OF KEEN INTEREST TO PHIL-CAB, SPECIFICALLY PAL ALL-CARGO APPLICATION AND LANDING RIGHTS IN LOS ANGELES.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES SOME TYPE OF CONCESSION IS IN ORDER. CONSIDERING THAT CHANGE OF GAUGE FOR FTL IS NO LONGER AN ISSUE, USG COULD PERHAPS NOW BE FORTHCOMING ON PAL ALL-CARGO REQUEST AS ICE-BREAKER. SOME OTHER TYPE OF TRADE-OFF NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE REQUIRED, GIVEN THE HISTORY OF THE ALL-CARGO DISPUTE AND THE VISCERAL GOP REACTION TO IT. WE UNDERSTAND FTL SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR ONWARD RIGHTS FROM MANILA TO SINGAPORE UPON WITHDRAWING ITS CHANGE OF GAUGE REQUEST. THIS COULD BE A POSSIBLE TRADE-OFF IF ONE IS STILL NECESSARY. OTHER POSSIBLE TRADE-OFFS COULD BE NW TECHNICAL STOPS IN TAIPEI, AN
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OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT TO ALLOW FTL TO CHANGE GAUGES IF CIRCUMSTANCES IN FUTURE WARRANT, AND SETTLEMENT OF THE PANAM FINE AT PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD AMOUNT.

3. LOCAL AIRLINE REPS WOULD NOT AGREE THAT THESE ARE ADEQUATE TRADE-OFFS FOR PAL ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT TIME MAY BE RIPE TO GRANT PAL ALL-

CARGO REQUEST OUTRIGHT, THEREBY SIGNALING USG WILLINGNESS TO DELIVER ON ITS COMMITMENT IN THE 1974 INTERIM AGREEMENT AND LOOSENING THE US/RP CIVIL AIR IMPASSE SO THAT OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO U.S. CARRIERS MIGHT BE RESOLVED.

4. IF INDEED, AS NOTED IN PARA 3 REFTTEL, "USG POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED," AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION WOULD ONLY REPEAT SEPTEMBER 1977 WASHINGTON STALEMATE, WE BELIEVE IT BEST TO LIE LOW FOR THE TIME BEING. THE ALTERNATIVE RUNS THE RISK OF IMPAIRING WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN IMPROVING ATMOSPHERE.
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